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**UCFA Newsletter**

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**Clinical Faculty  
apply to become  
BCMA Section**

78% of respondents to the June [UCFA Survey](#) stated that they wished to be represented by the UCFA, working with the BCMA, in their dealings with UBC. In response, and with the support of UCFA, a number of Clinical Faculty have applied to create a Section of Clinical Faculty within the BCMA. The application was submitted to the BCMA Board in August. UCFA will be supporting this application in a formal presentation to the BCMA Board at the next meeting in September. We look forward to the BCMA's support.

**Surveys of clinical  
faculty by UBC and  
UCFA show similar  
concerns**

In July, UBC made available the [summary results of a survey of Clinical Faculty](#) completed in October 2006. We have compared the results of this [survey to one carried out by the UCFA](#) in June of this year and reported the results in July on our website. The two studies used similar methodologies and were responded to by roughly the same proportion of respondents (the CFAC study went out to a larger population of doctors).

Both surveys show the respondents were dissatisfied with remuneration and the absence of respectful treatment of CF by UBC. The absence of independent representation of clinical faculty in dealings with UBC was a major concern and the UBC survey highlighted the creation of the UBC-BCMA liaison committee, an initiative that arose following discussions between the UCFA and the BCMA. A [detailed comparison](#) of the two surveys is available on the [UCFA Website](#).

**BCMA-UBC Liaison  
Committees**

We understand that the first meeting of the UBC BCMA liaison committee is scheduled sometime in September or October. This was an initiative that came out of meetings held between the BCMA and UBC following discussions between the UCFA and BCMA. As noted above 78% of Clinical Faculty who responded to the [UCFA Survey](#) supported the UCFA working in cooperation with the BCMA on the BCMA UBC liaison committee. The UCFA Board is working with the BCMA Board to ensure appropriate representation on the liaison committees and to ensure issues important to Clinical Faculty are addressed.

**Annual General  
Meeting will host  
national guest  
speaker on  
protecting academic  
freedom for clinical  
teachers**

The Annual General Meeting of the UCFA will be held at 6.00pm, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the Holiday Inn on Broadway. Guest speaker will be James Turk, Executive Director of the [Canadian Association of University Teachers](#). Nominations for Officers and Board members should be sent to [Diane Wong \(dwong@bcma.bc.ca\)](mailto:dwong@bcma.bc.ca). More details to follow.

*David Wensley*